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| In re Application of | : | |
| Hongyong Zhang et al. | : | |
| Application No. 09/156,461 | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: September 18, 1998 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No.: SEL-112 | : | |
| Title: IMAGE SENSOR AND IMAGE | : | |
| SENSOR INTEGRATED INTEGRATED | : | |
| TYPE ACTIVE MATRIX TYPE DISPLAY | : | |
| DEVICE | : | |

This is a decision on the petition filed December 22, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of September 18, 1998.

The application was deposited on September 18, 1998. Shortly thereafter, a filing receipt was mailed which indicated that the application had been accorded a filing date of September 18, 1998.

On September 5, 2000, a corrected filing receipt was mailed, indicating that the present application had been accorded a filing date of September 5, 2000. It is noted that the non-final office action of November 19, 2004 indicates that the filing date of the application is September 5, 2000.

Upon review of the record, it is not clear why a corrected filing receipt was mailed by the Office, and it is not clear why the application would have been accorded a filing date of September 5, 2000. It is noted that the application contained a written description, at least one claim, and drawings on filing.

Therefore, the application was complete on filing and is entitled to a filing date of September 18, 1998.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The notice mailed September 5, 2000 was sent in error, and is hereby **VACATED**. Therefore, no petition fee is necessary.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a filing date of September 18, 1998. OIPE will then mail a corrected filing receipt.

The general phone number for the Office of Petitions which should be used for status requests is (571) 272-3282. Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.



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